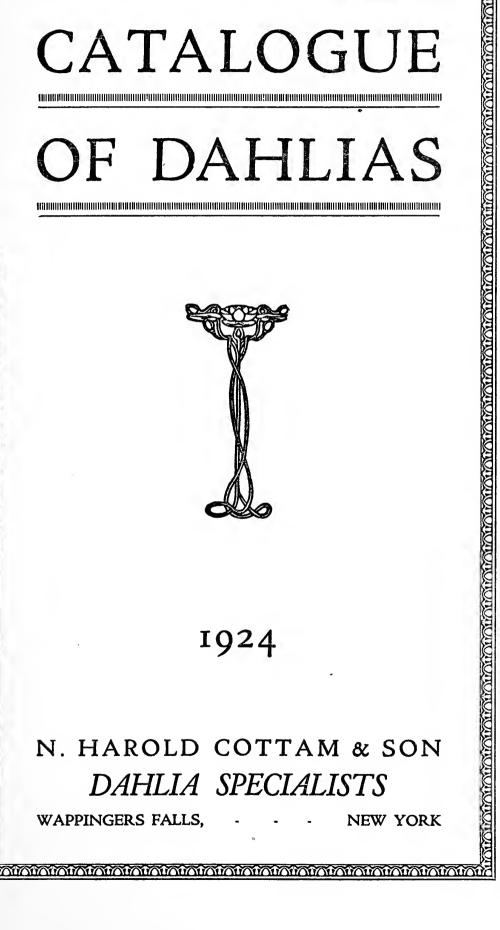
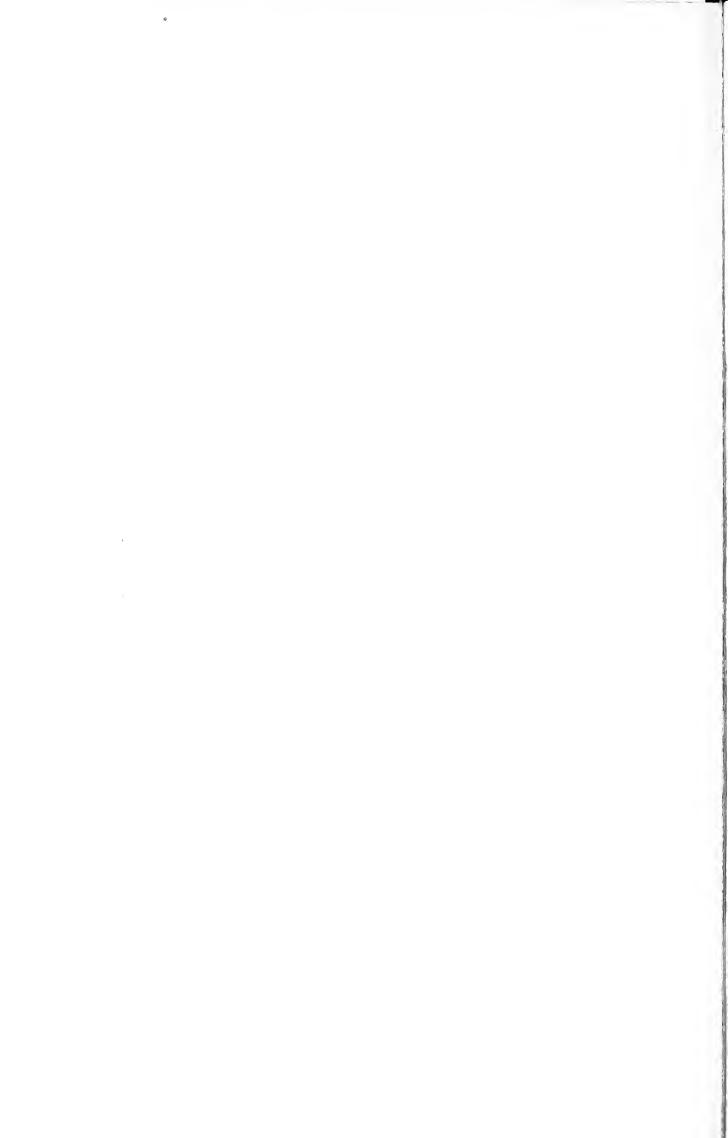
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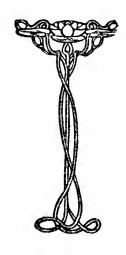
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BULBS BY THE DOZEN

We send DIVIDED FIELD GROWN ROOTS (or bulbs) only. NO PLANTS (or slips) of any kind sent out.

Orders for bulbs will be booked for spring delivery any time in the year.

Unless otherwise specified, if we are sold out of any variety, we will substitute one of the same general class as to color, etc., which will be as good or better than ordered.

Size of Bulbs. Some varieties of dahlias always produce very small bulbs (or tubers), while other varieties make large ones. So do not consider small bulbs as worthless, for they are equally as good as large ones.

GUARANTEE—We Guarantee Every Bulb We Sell. The utmost care is always exercised in selecting every bulb we send out, and every one is believed to have at least one good sprouting eye that will produce a good plant under proper care. In all cases bulbs to be replaced must be returned.

We Guarantee All Bulbs to be true to name and sure to grow at the time they are sent out, but we cannot guarantee bulbs to grow if kept in a dry place a long time before planting, or otherwise abused.

We will prepay carriage on all retail orders of \$2.00 and over accompanied by the cash for the full amount of the order.

Bulbs are shipped at owner's risk.

The best way to send money is registered letter, money order or express order.

DO NOT HESITATE to send small orders, they receive the same careful attention.

TERMS: Cash, invariably, in advance, except previously arranged.

Customers who are not personally known will be notified when to remit the amount of their bill.

Bulbs are shipped from April 1st to June 1st, unless specified.

Do not delay ordering until the time to plant, as many varieties may be sold out before that time. Order early.

If Bulbs are received before it is convenient to plant them, they should be kept in a moist place until planted.

We use the utmost care to prevent errors in labelling and packing, but if an error does occur, kindly notify us, that it may be rectified immediately.

Send for special prices on large orders.

GENERAL CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

The dahlia unlike most flowers, is not particular as to soil and environment, but will succeed on almost any soil where anything else will grow. About the only soil where the dahlia will not succeed is a heavy, sour, wet clay. But they prefer a medium light, sandy loam, not exceptionally rich, but yet well supplied with humus and in good mechanical condition.

Unlike some growers we do not recommend heavy applications of barnyard manure in the spring or at planting time. If the soil is very poor and needs fertilizer of this kind or is deficient in humus, it should be applied and worked in, in the fall.

We prefer planting in a reasonably good piece of ground and not apply any fertilizer other than a small amount of good, readily available chemical fertilizer at about the time of the second hoeing or about the time the first buds are forming and then no other unless the plants receive a check.

An open sunny location seems to favor them at all times, but they do very well in extremely shady places where the sun only touches them for a limited time each day. In such shaded places, however, the plants will make a much larger and more tender growth than out in the open and in some varieties the colorings will not be so intense.

Dahlias should be planted in this section about May 15th to June 15th, in rows about 3 feet apart and from 4 to 6 inches deep. After they have attained a height of about 8 to 10 inches, begin to train them according to the system preferred. Either on stakes, the branching system or in massed lots.

Perhaps for yards and for general purposes, the staking system is best and for this the stakes should be set at time of planting and the plants tied to these stakes as they grow, thus protecting them from winds and allowing freedom of passage from one plant to another when in bloom.

If the branching system is adopted, stakes will not be necessary, as after the plants have developed two sets of leaves, the top is pinched out which forces the plant to send out a branch at each leaf, thus making four branches instead of only the one main stalk and, consequently, gives a stockier plant with more flowers and a neater appearance.

A plant of this kind will not be easily blown down by the winds. This system however, makes blooming time about 2 weeks later.

If space is limited, the massing system may be adopted in event of which bulbs should not be planted more than 1 to 2 feet apart, allowing the plants to form large masses supporting each other and giving a solid mass of flowers and foliage and avoiding the ugly, unnatural effect that numerous stakes invariably give.

To obtain the very largest and most perfect flowers in any system, only the best and strongest buds should be allowed to develop. The rest should be pinched off, allowing the plants to throw their full strength into developing the remaining ones into exhibition blooms.

Do not be afraid to cut your flowers. The more you cut the more they come. If you can't use them yourself give them to your neighbors and you will then be helping yourself at the same time you are giving them a great deal of pleasure.

Bulbs should be dug soon after the first heavy frost kills down the plants in the fall and immediately stored in a cool (not freezing) reasonably dry place.

Place in boxes, barrels, crates or on shelves, preferably upside down and do not cover with any material such as ashes, sand, dirt, leaves, etc. Material of this kind almost invariably holds too much moisture and causes the bulbs to decay. Do not store near furnace or other heat as they will dry and shrivel and become worthless.

In the spring, before planting time, take out the clumps and divide by cutting first in two parts and then separating as nearly as possible to one good root with one good strong eye. Never plant more than two roots in a single hill, as in this case you will get an immense number of stalks and a consequently large number of flowers which the roots will be unable to support and your flowers will be exceedingly small and imperfect.

These are only very general instructions as it is impossible to give any one fixed set of instructions to be followed by all, as soils, climate and seasons differ so. We hope however, that we have given the prospective purchaser an idea of the principle of dahlia growing from which with the use of a little judgment, he will be able to obtain the great pleasure and satisfaction which only the dahlia grower knows, for surely there is no other flower that will succeed on so wide a range of soils, that will adapt itself to so widely varying altitudes and climates and that will give such an abundance of bloom of unlimited color variations as so small an outlay of money and labor.



CACTUS DAHLIAS

ATTRACTION. Light lavendar, fine broad petalled hybrid Cactus75c
AMELIA DUFOUR. Delicate salmon with a beautiful pink stripe25c
AURORA. Cream center, shading to amber and through tints of pink
to white tips 30c
ALABASTER. Pure white, sturdy growth and good erect stem. One
of the best\$1.00
BALLETT GIRL. Variegated orange with white edge; varies some
in color; large blooms; good stem\$1.50
BIANCA. Broad petalled hybrid cactus of a soft rosy-lilac; of
excellent habit50c
BOUQUET ROSE. New type. White with delicate pink tips20c
CAMBRIAN. Clear salmon lightening to yellow at tips25c
CONQUEST. Color, deep crimson maroon. Good30c
COUNTRY GIRL. Deep golden yellow, bright amber tips; the bold
flowers appear very early and remain large right up till frost25c
COUNTESS OF LONSDALE. One of the most profuse bloomers
offered. The color is a rich salmon, tinted apricot30c
CREPUSCULE. Yellow shading to amber-yellow. Good25c
DREADNAUGHT. Deep crimson maroon; immense flowers of a
fine form. One of the best dark colored varieties25c
DRAGON D'OR. Intense canary yellow. Large flower. Bifurcated
petals. Very fine flowering
DECISION. Color a clear golden bronze. Good stems and plants of
good habit
ETHEL YEATMAN. Shell pink, with a salmon center; flower of
good size and freely produced
EMPRESS. The color is striking shade of purplish crimson, but at
the base the florets are white
EMBLEM. Centre deep primrose, changing towards the points of the
petals to rose pink. Large size. Good habit
ELISE KINKEAD. Color a pretty shade of pink on outer petals, toning to pure white in centre. Plant of good habit and a very
free bloomer. A very desirable variety
ETENDARD de LYON. Between a carmine rose and royal purple,
very good
F. W. FELLOWS. Bright orange-scarlet. Flowers of large size.
One of the best
One or the best in

MRS. MARGARET STREDWICK. The coloring is a combination
of tints of pink, softening and deepening at tips and base. Form
perfect, the plants have a grand habit, with strong, stout, upright
flower stem\$1.50
MRS. W. E. ESTES. An exceptionally good white hybrid cactus.
Large full flowers on long stems; fine\$2.00
NIEBELUNGENHORT. Composed of rather broad, more or less
curled and twisted petals, of a beautiful shade of old-rose with
golden apricot suffusion40c
PATRIOT, A large stiff stemmed scarlet variety\$1.00
PHENOMENAL. Color, shades of pale salmon with yellow at base,
and decided yellow at tips50c
PIERROT. A unique and striking variety, the color being deep
amber, boldly tipped with pure white. A splendid variety50c
PLANET. A fancy Cactus. White at base of florets, changing to
rosy pink, the whole spotted and striped with scarlet40c
PRIMA DONNA. Ivory white tinted with violet50c
REV. T. W. JAMIESON. Large flowers on upright rigid stems;
blooms incurved toward centre; color, yellow, changing to lilac
rose, the extreme tips yellow35c
RHEINKONIG. A robust, healthy grower, producing immense flow-
ers of pure white, on long stiff stems25c
RHEINISCHER FROHSINN. Color white at base of petals, quick-
ly passing to an iridescent crimson carmine, good
RUTH C. GLEADELL. Hybrid Cactus. Sunburst shades; soft yel-
low shading to pink on the outer petals. Good stem, and a free
bloomer
RED CROSS. Old gold shading to yellow, suffused scarlet. Large
with good stem and habit\$1.00
SENTINEL. The color is deep rose\$1.00
SOUTHERN BELLE. Rich maroon or crimson, a fine large flower
of splendid form and great depth. Best black
SIR DOUGLAS HAIG. Flowers of perfect form, the slender tubular
florets incurving and twisting irregularly. Color, a combination
of tints of pink, grading from almost white to deep, then to lighter
again\$1.00
SWEET BRIAR. A superb garden Cactus variety of an exquisite
shade of pink, the plant being a mass of flowers, the flower stems
carry the blooms perfectly upright
THE QUAKER. White centre imperceptibly becoming tinged with
lightest flesh pink
TOKIO. Pinkish salmon, shading to yellow at the base of the petals;
flowers are of immense size and of great substance25c

TOM LUNDY. A rich crimson of immense size. One of the best75	C
THE SWAN. One of the best whites\$1.0	Ю
UNCLE TOM. Dark maroon, nearly black. Medium size and quite	
free	c
UNION JACK. Bright red, shaded and tipped white. Very free	
flowering50	C
WINNIE BROWN. The coloring passes through a series of blend-	
ings from yellow to salmon, and salmon to pink, and then again to	
yellow at tips	śc



PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS

This new type of Dahlia originated in Holland, and has become very popular. The flowers are very large, and resemble somewhat the semi-double peony in form. The petals are very peculiarly twisted and incurved, and the flowers are produced on extra long stems, making them invaluable for cutting or garden decoration. We cannot recommend this new class of Dahlias too highly.

ALBERT WARD. Rosalane purple, mammoth blooms on good stems,
good free bloomer\$2.50
AURORA. Orange salmon, free flowering, very strong power750
BERTHA VON SUTTNER. Salmon pink, shaded yellow. Large
flower held erect on long, stiff stems. The flower is remarkable in
form, with broad petals twisted at points most artistically500
BERCH VON HEEMSTEDE. Primrose-yellow with rich golden
sheen, medium size; very free30c
CHATENAY. A splendid soft carmine-rose shaded crimson, good
stiff stems30c
DR. PEARY. Dark velvet mahogany red, the darkest of all. A very
large dahlia, and certainly a beautiful one
DUCHESS OF BRUNSWICKE. Distinct shade of bright apricot
red, shaded orange; free bloomer\$1.00
GORGEOUS. Gorgeous yellow and crimson\$3.50
GRACE. A good shade of cerise; good habits50c
H. J. LOVINCK. White shaded lilac, very fine form on long stems.
A large and beautiful dahlia35c
HAMPTON COURT. One of the best yet introduced; a bold flower
of good form of a bright mauve-pink30c
LATONA. A buff yellow semi-double flower. Very free bloomer
and very good stem. Very attractive50c
LADY LLOYD. Dark cardinal. Large blooms50c
LEO XIII. Clear deep yellow; good size, one of the best\$1.00
MANNHEIM. Soft orange-red; very fine; long stems40c
MISS HELEN PALMER. A very good creamy yellow. Good
bloomer
MISS MAUD SPAULDING. Purplish red shading to white in cen-
tre. An improved Mme. Coissard. A much better plant and
bloomer



DECORATIVE

A. MANDA. A large flower, white to creamy white with tracings of
lilac
AMUN RA. Shades of copper and orange shading to gold and amber
deepening in the centre to a dark reddish bronze. Wonderful
stems and a good bloomer\$5.00
AZALEA. Soft creamy yellow. Long stems\$1.00
BREEZE LAWN. Ideal red. Very large flowers, but refined\$1.00
BLUE OBAN. Lavender, with a beautiful tint of blue
BYRON. A rich deep wine color. Large blooms, very good\$1.00
CAROLINE BROCH. Beautiful shadings of light bronze, blended
with salmon and apricot, all overlaid with a silvery sheen. Good
habit and free bloomer\$2.00
CAROLYN WINTGEN. Salmon pink, shading to rose; large
blooms; good stem\$1.50
CHIEFTAIN. Large flower, rich crimson carmine, golden suffusion, occasionally streaked and splashed with canary yellow75c
COLOSSE JARNE. A pure yellow of the Yellow Colosse type, but
better in every way
CONTRAST. Bright red tipped with white
DELICE. Bright pink, suffused with a lavender pink30c
DAKOTA. Light mahogany, wonderful stem, very large\$1.00
DR. TEVIS. A soft salmon rose suffused with old gold. Very large
blooms on long, strong stems. One of the best from California75c
F. G. SCHEFF. Carmine salmon; large flowers on long stems\$1.00
GOLDEN WEST. A California variety. Magnificent, compact flow-
ers of a bright clear canary yellow, with lacerated petals35c
GRACE READ. Pure lavender, fine form, large, new and a fine
flower for cutting25c
GERTRUDE MANDA. Grandest peach-blow shade25c
GAIETY. Vivid scarlet heavily marked with pure white35c
GREAT BRITAIN. Deep mauve or lilac. Large and fine for cut-
ting\$1.00
GODFREY'S CRIMSON. A deep rich crimson. Very free bloomer.
One of the best\$1.00
GOLDFINCH. Bright yellow, good bloomer
HORTULANUS FIET. The most delicate shade of shrimp pink,
the tip of each petal barely touched with gold\$1.00

INSULDINE. Wonderful orange and bronze shades. Stems unusu-
ally long and stiff. One of the best\$1.50
JHR. BOREEL. Very large, showy flower; the color approaches that
of King of the Autumn\$1.00
JACK ROSE. The identical shade of the rose with the same name;
exceedingly free, very erect stems, flowers early20c
JANE SELBY. Delicate mauve pink. Immense. Long stiff stems \$1.50
JOS. MANDA. A rich red
KING OF THE AUTUMN. Buff yellow, suffused with terra cotta,
one of the best
LE GRAND MANITOU. Very large decorative variety; white more
or less striped with violet red and occasionally bears flowers of
a solid violet color35c
LADY HELEN. A beautiful deep pink, slight veins of white tinted
cream. Only a few green plants for sale\$2.00
MABEL B. TAFT. Pale soft yellow, tinge of pinkish apricot. Good
bloomer
MANDIANNA. Deep rich red\$1.00
MARY C. BURNS. Outside of petals are old gold with reverse a
dull red; long stiff stems. Very good\$2.00
MEPHISTOPHELES. Rich ruby red, small golden yellow points at
the end of some of the petals. Very large flowers on strong
stems; excellent\$3.00
MILLIONAIRE. Dainty lavender with a pink overcast, shading to
white in the centre. Large size\$1.00
MANITOU. Immense size—often eight inches in diameter. The color
is pleasing, being an amber bronze with a distinct shading of pink 25c
MONS CAPRON. A light maroon, edged white, very fine25c MRS. CARL SALBACH. Lavender pink; very large flowers on ex-
ceptionally long, stiff stems. Very desirable\$2.00
MRS. CARL SALBACH. An immense bloom of a lovely mauve
shading lighter to the centre; long, strong stems\$2.00
MRS. J. G. CASSATT. Very large bright cerise pink. Free bloomer
on good stems
MRS. ROOSEVELT. Light pink
NOBILIS. Sport of Earl Williams; brilliant crimson and white;
good stems\$2.00
PRINCESS JULIANA. Pure white, well-formed flowers, long stems;
the very best for decorative work25c
PRINCESS PAT. A coloring hard to describe. Some call it an old
rose, others a rich apricot-salmon; however, it is one of the
best of the autumn shades and grows on long, stiff stems\$2.00

PROFESSOR MANSFIELD. Rich yellow, white tips, red centre25c
PEREL DU PARC DE LA TETE DOR. Pure white; large and free
blooming, borne on erect stems; petals are split at tips, giving
the flower a unique appearance20c
PURITY. A pure white. Good size flowers on good stems. Free
bloomer50e
PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA. Bright scarlet flowers of good size on
long heavy stems
PATRICK O'MARA. Soft orange buff, slightly tinged with Neyron
rose. Large flowers on long, strong stems. A good keeper\$1.00
ROSE GEM. Cameo pink, very large and very free50c
RUTH FORBES. Clear pink heavy petals, often accompanied by
stems measuring 2 feet in length20c
SOUVENIR DE M. SILVENT. Yellow, striped crimson25c
STARLIGHT. Flowers are uniform in size and color and produce in
great profusion. Color, each petal carries two and some four
stripes of red on a white ground. Good stem and thrifty growth25c
SOUVENIR DE GUSTAVE DE DOUZON. A monster. These im-
mense flowers are borne in profusion from the earliest moment of
blooming to the last; color a rich scarlet20c
SYLVIA. Soft, pleasing mauve-pink, gradually changing to white in
the centre. A fine cut flower10c
SAN MATEO. A deep yellow heavily striped and splashed scarlet.
Good stems and generally good habit\$2.00
UNCLE SAM. Salmon rose, suffused with old gold and shading to
apricot. One of the largest; extra good stem, and very free
bloomer. Green plants only\$10.00
UPLANDS. A pure white decorative of generally good habit, Good
bloomer
WARNEFORD. Pure white flowers. Good bloomer on good stems40c



SHOW DAHLIAS

ACQUISITION. Dark shade of lilac, rich color25c
A. D. LIVONI. Soft pink. Good
CRIMSON BALL. Rich crimson scarlet. Very fine15c
DR. I. B. PERKINS. An ideal white show dahlia25c
D. M. MOORE. A flower of mammoth size, produced in profusion
on long, stiff stems. Its color is a deep velvety maroon40c
DREERS WHITE. Pure white; good form and free35c
ETHELE MAULE. Pure white; fine form40c
EMILY. Lavender overspread white25c
GIANT PURPLE. Rich purple. Good stem and free50c
GRACCHUS. Bright orange buff; good outline35c
GRAND DUKE ALEXIS. Color white, tinged soft lavender under
the edges; petals quilled
GRAND DUCHESS MARIE. Rich buff, overlaid orange25c
GOVERNOR GUILD. One of the largest and purest white show
dahlias
H. W. WILLIAMS. Rich crimson, large20c
ISABEL HALL. Shell pink, very large30c
KEYSTONE. Good fancy show25c
MRS. LANGTRY. Cream color, beautifully edged with crimson. A
splendid easy flowering variety, full and of fine form35c
MAUDE ADAMS. White with a delicate tinge of pink; very pleasing 30c
NORMA. Bright orange buff, good petals and outline, a large grand
flower35c
NETHERWOOD. White with lavender splashing; free bloomer50c
PERFECTION. Orange buff, good petals and outline30c
QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS. Delicate pink, large, fine35c
VIVIAN. White edged rose violet; one of the novelties; good50c
W. W. RAWSON. The petals toward the centre are quilled similar
to Grand Duke Alexis; toward the outer part they are more open
and flat. The color is pure white, overlaid with amethyst blue30c
WATCHMAN Golden vellow 25c

COLLARETTE

AMI NONIN. Amaranthe, shaded rose, collar white, tinted with
orange
BUTTERCUP. A pure yellow of circular form. Collarette a lighter
yellow. A useful and distinct variety25c
DR. RENE GERARD. Magenta purple, splashed with white. Collar
primrose
JOSEPH JOUGON. Red, with yellow suffusion, collar yellow25c
JOHN BULL. A huge Collarette, on a giant stem. Color clear crim-
son, with yellow disc, collar white25c
LOUIS BLACKMAN. Collar of purest white, shows up clearly
against the bright crimson magenta background of the petals25c
MERMAID. An attractive light yellow, flushed with carmine, big
well-formed collar, stem extra long25c
MADAM POIRIER. Purple violet, white collar, distinct25c
MAURICE RIVOIRE. Deep crimson with white collar, good form
and capital habit. One of the best25c
SOUV DE CHABANNE. Bright yellow, flushed crimson, large col-
lar. One of the best
SWALLOW. A pure white25c
WARSPITE. Crimson scarlet; collar light yellow25c
WM. WELSH. A creamy yellow with a long collar of the same color 25c
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SINGLE
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ALTHEA. Buff
BRENDA. Clear white edged scarlet
CRAWLEY STAR. Bright rose, darker centre, with two rows of ray
flowers
flowers FRAGRANCE. Bronze suffused with maroon
flowers

SCARLET CENTURY25	śс
WORTH STAR. A pleasing shade of old rose color, with white bars	
down the centre of the florets, remarkably free flower25	ic.
YELLOW CENTURY. A clear canary-yellow, producing blooms	
well above the foliage25	śс
20th CENTURY. Purest white at both base and tips, and the centre	
of petals are a delicate blush rose. Very large25	бC



POM-POM

ADRIENNE. Crimson scarlet, slightly tipped yellow, a round com-
pact flower25c
BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD. Very pretty shade of light red25c
BACCHUS. Bright crimson scarlet. A small, neat, compact flower25c
BLUMERICK. Buff overlaid with rose25c
BRUNETTE. Crimson, blotched white25c
DARKEST OF ALL. One of the darkest Pom-poms yet raised and
in every respect one of the best25c
DR. JIM. A very distinct variety, color light ground heavily edged
with purple25c
ELEGANTA. Deep soft pink, edged rose25c
FRAU de KNOBE. White with centre petals tipped lavender.
Beautifully quilled25c
G. BRINKMAN. White, very good25c
GRAUSS AM WEIN. Crushed strawberry25c
HESPERICA. Primrose, suffused lilac red25c
JESSICA. Yellow edged red25c
KLEINDOMITER. Clear delicate buff color, shading lighter around
outside edge of blossom25c
LASSIE. Yellow base with a rose band and tip to each petal25c
LITTLE BEESWING. Golden yellow, very deeply and prettily
edged with bright cherry red25c
LITTLE DONALD. Beautiful shade of crimson scarlet25c
MILDRED. A pretty shade of pink. It flowers freely25c
MIDGET. Salmon, suffused with violet25c
NEATNESS. Pale salmon with cream centre25c
NELLY FRASER. Light ground edged and tipped rose color25c
PHOEBE. Deep golden orange of fine form and habit25c
PHYLLIS. Yellow, heavily shaded red, good outline and centre25c
PINK PERFECTION. Soft pink; free bloomer25c
QUEEN OF WHITES. Pure white, good petal25c
ROSA. The color is a pretty shade of bluish lilac25c
SNOW WHITE. Small whit. Free25c
WEE GRACIE. The color is white with a faint lavender tip and
edging



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